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June 27, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 Twelfth Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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**RE: FCC FORM 481 – CARRIER ANNUAL REPORTING DATA COLLECTION
CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE
ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-0135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-
92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FILED IN DOCKETS 14-58) AND
CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS
.457 AND .459 OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULES**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op hereby submits the attached redacted and confidential versions of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection" financial information pursuant to sections §54.313 and §54.422 of the Commission's rules, as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Section 3005 of Form 481 requires the filing of financial information per 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Company maintains that this information is "Confidential Financial Information" on the grounds that it is competitively sensitive information which could be used to disadvantage or harm Company and is submitting this information pursuant to Protective Order, DA 12-1857 as described below. In addition, Company is requesting confidential treatment pursuant to sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules for the Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan that is required by section 54.313(a)(1) to be attached to this report. Similar to the financial information submitted under section 54.313(f)(2), the information contained in the Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan contains competitively sensitive information, including but not limited to projected build-out plans and capital expenditures, that is secure from public access that could be used by a competitor to disadvantage or harm the Company.

First, Hamilton County Telephone Co-op is submitting the 54.313(f)(2) "Confidential Financial Information" as a "Stamped Confidential Document" with each page bearing the legend CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-0135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION and also submitting the .457 and .459 "Confidential Financial Information" as a "Stamped Confidential Document" with each page labeled "CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION". One copy of the "Stamped Confidential Document(s)" and accompanying cover letter are enclosed.

Second, Hamilton County Telephone Co-op is submitting the "Stamped Confidential Document(s)" as a "Redacted Confidential Document" where the "Confidential Financial Information" has been redacted. Two copies of the "Redacted Confidential Document(s)" and accompanying cover letter with each page labeled "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" are enclosed.

Finally, Hamilton County Telephone Co-op is submitting two copies of the "Stamped Confidential Document(s)" and accompanying cover letter to Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554.

FCC Form 481 was also filed prior to July 1st with the State Commission.

Please contact me with any questions you have on this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dave Beier

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Enclosures

**Hamilton County Telephone Co-op
("Hamilton" or "Company")
FIVE YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN
Due July 1, 2014
Study Area Code 34-1024**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op
Dahlgreen, Illinois

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheets of Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op (an Illinois corporation) as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of income and retained earnings or margins for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2013, included in the accompanying prescribed form. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the form prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements included in the form prescribed by the FCC and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the FCC, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the FCC, Universal Service Administrative Company and the relevant state and local regulatory agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Kiesling Associates LLC

West Des Moines, Iowa
June 23, 2014

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(3005a) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers

Balance Sheet - Data Collection Form

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

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(3005b) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers
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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period ((31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38))		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio ((14+20-10-11)/7)		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio ((14+20+26)/7)		
47. TIER ((31+26)/26)		
48. DSCR ((31+26+10+11)/44)		

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(3005c) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers
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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2.	Net Income
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3.	Add: Depreciation
4.	Add: Amortization
5.	Other (Explain)
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired
22.	Other (Explain)
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)
25.	Other Long-Term Investments
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences
27.	Other (Explain)
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash
30.	Ending Cash



To the Board of Directors
Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op and Subsidiaries
Dahlgren, Illinois

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op and subsidiaries, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information to you in our engagement letter dated August 27, 2013. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies.

The significant accounting policies of the Company are described in footnotes to the consolidated financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2013. We noted no transactions entered into by the Company during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the consolidated financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The only sensitive accounting estimates included in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013, relate to the estimates for depreciation. As part of our audit, we compared the Company's depreciation rates to average rates used within the telecommunications industry. We have also discussed with management the Company's long-range plant replacement plans and have determined the current depreciation rates to be consistent with those plans.

Management's estimate of the percent complete of construction contracts is based on the percentage of cost incurred through the year ended December 31, 2013 to estimated total cost for each contract. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the percent complete of construction contracts in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

To the Board of Directors
Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op and Subsidiaries
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Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the consolidated financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 18, 2014.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Company's consolidated financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Company's auditor. However, these communications occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and to our knowledge our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management of the Company, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), and the relevant state and local regulatory agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Kresling Associates LLP

West Des Moines, Iowa
March 18, 2014